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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE
(DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)		
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	EARLIEST PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/JP04/06492	May 7, 2004	May 12, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION		
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APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information by **Express Mail**:

- X 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 37 U.S.C. 371.
- X 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- X 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
- X 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
- X a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- X b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
- c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).

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- ____ 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
- ____ a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- ____ b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
- ____ c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
- ____ d. have not been made and will not be made.
- ____ 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- ____ 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- ____ 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- X 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- ____ 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- X 13. A preliminary amendment, which includes 2 additional pages of amendments to the claims.
- X 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- ____ 15. A substitute specification.
- ____ 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ____ 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 – 1.825.
- ____ 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ____ 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- X 20. Other items or information: A copy of the International Search Report.

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The following fees are submitted:.				CALCULATIONS	
21. <u> X </u> a) Basic national fee..... \$300				\$300.00	
22. <u> X </u> b) Examination fee				\$200.00	
If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0.00					
All other situations.....\$200.00					
23. <u> X </u> c) Search fee				\$400.00	
If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0.00					
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100.00					
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All other situations.....\$500.00					
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$900.00	
____ Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	11 - 20 =	0	x \$50	\$--	
Independent claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$200	\$--	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$--	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$900.00	
____ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$--	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$900.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property.				\$--	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$900.00	

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- X a. Check No. 167109 in the amount of \$900.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- X b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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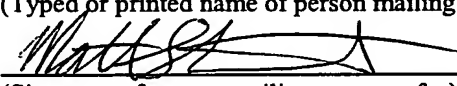


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